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SUBJECT:AMOCO REFINERY IN SINGAPORE REQUESTED TO BID ON
SOUTH VIETNAM CONTRACT

1. WASHINGTON LAWYER FOR STANDARD OIL OF INDIANA HAS REQUESTED APPOINTMENTS IN TREASURY AND DEPARTMENT FOR AMOCO FAR EAST VICE PRESIDENT HARGINS TO DISCUSS REQUESTS BY SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT THAT AMOCO SINGAPORE REFINERY PARTICIPATE IN TENDER TO SUPPLY REFINED PRODUCTS TO SOUTH VIETNAM.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT REFINERY IN QUESTION IS JOINTLY OWNED BY AMOCO AND ONE OTHER U.S. FIRM (60 PERCENT) WITH SINGAPORE DEVELOPMENT BOARD HOLDING REMAINING 40 PERCENT INTEREST. UNDER FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROLS CURRENTLY IN FORCE AGAINST SOUTH VIETNAM U.S. CORPORATION IS PROHIBITED WITHOUT SPECIAL TREASURY LICENSE FROM ENGAGING IN ANY BUSINESS TRANSACTION WITH SOUTH VIETNAM OR NATIONALS OF
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THAT COUNTRY. NORMALLY SUCH LICENSES ARE DENIED. AMOCO

IS THEREFORE CONCERNED AT POSSIBILITY OF BEING CAUGHT
BETWEEN U.S. LAW AND WISHES OF THEIR SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT
PARTNERS.

3. PRIOR TO OPENING OF BUSINESS HERE JULY 3 WOULD AP-
PRECiate YOUR INFORMING US OF ANY RELEVANT BACKGROUND
INFORMATION YOU MAY HAVE CONCERNING AMOCO'S SINGAPORE
OPERATION AND ANY FURTHER DETAILS CONCERNING THE
PARTICULAR PROBLEM WITH RESPECT TO SALES TO SOUTH
VIETNAM. WE WOULD ALSO BE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR ASSESSMENT
OF HOW STRONGLY THE SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT MAY FEEL ON
THIS ISSUE AND WHAT IMPACT ENFORCEMENT OF FOREIGN
ASSETS CONTROLS IN THIS PARTICULAR INSTANCE MAY HAVE
ON OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. HOWEVER, IN ORDER NOT TO
OVERLY DRAMATIZE SITUATION, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR
NOT INITIATING DISCUSSION MATTER WITH GOS OR OTHER
OUTSIDE PARTIES AT THIS TIME BUT RATHER CONFINE YOUR
COMMENTS TO YOUR OWN ASSESSMENT AND THAT OF LOCAL
AMOCO OFFICIALS. INGERSOLL

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